

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 now stand in the application, claim 4 having been canceled and incorporated into claim 1, and new claims 10-14 having been added.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-9. By the above amendments, claim 1 now corresponds to claim 4 rewritten in independent form.

In paragraph 4 of the Office action, the examiner has rejected claim 6 as indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 6 is directed to a method. It starts out reciting a method of estimating, and finishes up by reciting the steps which comprise the method. There is nothing at all ambiguous about whether the claim is directed to a method or apparatus. There are indeed apparatus elements recited in the preamble of the claim, but there is nothing improper in this and indeed it is very common. The apparatus elements define the receiver in which the method is performed.

Applicants have added new claims 10-14, with claims 10, 11, 12 and 14 reciting the method steps found in claims 6-9, and with claim 13 separately reciting the receiver details recited in claim 6. These claims are believed patentable like claims 6-9.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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